

# Project Notification



## Edgelow Bicycle Lanes

Planning & Construction Update - February 2020

### What's happening?

The District of Saanich is planning to install an all ages and abilities (AAA) bicycle facility along Edgelow Street. In addition to the pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Edgelow Street and Dawnview Crescent, the District of Saanich will also be installing painted buffered bike lanes on Edgelow Street from Gordon Head Road to Finnerty Road.

### Why are we doing this?

Mobility is an integral part of a sustainable community as it has environmental, social, and economic impacts. The District of Saanich has many initiatives and plans that support and direct development of transportation projects throughout the region. These initiatives create a vision for Saanich, where residents have many options for transportation and mobility and a sense of connection to community and nature. Below is a summary of these initiatives that describes why we are installing an AAA bicycle facility along Edgelow Street.

The Active Transportation Plan (ATP) was approved by Saanich Council in 2018 and guides Saanich's investments in active transportation for the next 30 years. This plan was created with significant public engagement to examine the current active transportation infrastructure and identify projects that will create a complete, comfortable, and interconnected network

of cycling and pedestrian routes. Edgelow Street has been identified as a bicycle spine that will be part of the all ages and abilities bicycle network throughout Saanich. It will connect residents choosing to take active transportation to amenities such as schools, shopping centers, recreation centers, and parks.

The Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) is a collaboration between Saanich and schools throughout the District to identify safe routes for children getting to and from school. Edgelow Street has been identified as part of the best route to get to nearby schools by parents and school members. Identified improvements from this program include bike lanes on Edgelow Street and the installation of a raised crosswalk.

By improving the bicycle and pedestrian networks, we are supporting and encouraging more people to choose active transportation and low/no emission transportation options that will improve our air quality and bring residents closer contact with community and nature. We anticipate a wide range of cyclists from school-aged children and young families to commuters and university students to use this route.

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### Project Impacts

Due to the installation of the AAA cycling facility on Edgelow Street, on-street parking will be affected by this project in order to create a safer environment for all users. We will communicate options for alternative parking locations as the project progresses.

### Construction Impacts

Traffic delays may occur in this area during construction. Construction will occur Monday-Friday during business hours. Property owners who will be directly impacted by this development and parents with children attending Arbutus Middle School will be notified to expect delays while construction happens. Throughout construction, garbage and recycling services will continue.

### Project Timeline

We are currently in the design phase of this project, with the construction of the bicycle lanes anticipated to occur in the spring of 2020.

For updates on this project and more information about the ATP and SRTS, please visit [www.saanich.ca](http://www.saanich.ca). The proposed plan and street section views will be posted to the District of Saanich current project page on their website as they are available.

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